

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

District of Columbia Public Schools State Education Agency

FY 2003 Enhanced Education Through Technology Competitive Grant Program

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), State Education Agency (SEA) is soliciting grant applications from qualified applicants to develop a program that will be used to ensure that all students are prepared to live and work in an increasingly technological society. Funding is provided to accelerate the implementation of the statewide educational technology plan thereby allowing the local educational agency to integrate technology fully into school curricula, so that all students become technologically literate.

Funding is authorized through provisions of Title II, Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The US Department of Education has awarded the District of Columbia approximately one million four hundred sixty two thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$1,462,262) to fund strategic technology plans.

Eligible entities are high-need districts or eligible local partnerships that include high-need districts on a competitive basis. Under the Educational Technology State Grants Program, high-need districts are those that (1) are high-poverty and (2) serve at least one low-performing school or have a substantial need for technology. School Districts include the DCPS (LEA) and Public Charter Schools approved for operation in the 2002-2003 school year. Individual District of Columbia Public Schools are not eligible to apply.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on March 24, 2003 and the deadline for submission is May 7, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. Applications can only be obtained from the Office of Research and Analysis (ORA), 441 4th Street, NW, (Judiciary Square), Suite 400 South, Washington, DC 20001. For additional information, please call ORA on (202) 727-7775.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on April 8, 2003 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 941 N. Capitol St., NE, 4th floor, Training Room A, Washington, DC 20002.